STRIPTEASERS

...Staying with the sequels, word reaches us of two more Number Twos coming your way before the end of the year. Hot from the success of the smart Project X (reviewed this month), Team 17 is soon to start work on the follow up to its first release. It's imaginatively called Alien Breed 2 - work hasn't started on the title yet, which isn't expected to appear until next year. Oh, and platform fans will be well chuffed to hear that Titus has started work on The Blues Brothers 2, also pencilled in for a release later this year...

...After the phenomenal success of Sim City, Sim Earth and the new Sim Ant (due on Amiga soon), American developer Maxis is now rumoured to be busily working on the latest game in the series - Sim Body. And yes, you've guessed it, it's a simulation of the human body. Expect plenty of complex strategy, with some tasty Fantastic Voyage-style visuals. As with all Maxis prouct, it should surface on PC first, but an Amiga version may well see the light of day before the end of the year. Incidentally, we hear that Maxis has plans for a whole range of even wackier Sim products - one of which includes Sim Soap, a - would you believe it - simulation of the daily goings-on on the set of a popular soap opera! The mind boggles...

...The European offices of publisher Electronic Zoo have closed down for financial reasons, so you'll not be seeing any more product from THEM. The company, headed by ex-MicroProse boss Stewart Bell, got off to a good start a couple of years back with its first product Battle Squadron (the sequel to Hybris) and also produced the excellent underwater arcade adventure Treasure Trap. Recent releases, however, were not up to the same standard (Magic Garden? Oh dear) and its last game to actually appear, Under Pressure, was, it has to be said, a bit of a dog. But we're always sorry to see any publisher go under, so our condolences go out to Stewart and all concerned...

Celtus, Altus, Fortus!

Psygnosis is planning to release a game based on the Summer Olympics this July, it was revealed recently.

Although the project has no official title as yet, it's currently known simply as Olympics. It's not, however, officially linked to the real Summer Games, which take place in Barcelona this Summer. That licence has already been snapped up by US Gold, which has its own interpretation planned for around the same time.

Nevertheless, Psygnosis' effort is already shaping up to be a winner. The events to be featured in the game are the Javelin, High Jump, 100 Metres, 110 Metre Hurdles and the Long Jump, and Psygnosis is promising that it won't be just another joystick waggler. The arcade events themselves employ a variety of innovative control systems, and there's a full management section, where the player must train up his athletes in order to see them through the various heats and qualifying stages before making it into the finals. For the less cerebrally-inclined, there's the option to play just the arcade sequences, with up to four players taking part.

Olympics' developers Teque London are using digitised graphics of real athletes to produce the authentic action, and programmer Peter Jeffries (of Pit-Fighter fame) has spent a lot of time recently hanging suspiciously around the local athletics club with a video camera to get the required footage. There's also the chance that some celebrated real-life athletes will be making cameo appearances.

CHARTS

Month Ending 27th March 1992

FULL PRICE TOP 40

1 PROJECT-X (Team 17)
2 BLACK CRYPT (Electronic Arts)
3 FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX (MicroProse)
4 A320 AIRBUS (Thalion)
5 HARLEQUIN (Domark)
6 SPECIAL FORCES (MicroProse)
7 ELVIRA 2 (Accolade)
8 SHADOWLANDS (Domark)
9 ULTIMA VI (Origin)
10 TITUS THE FOX (Titus)
11 CASTLES (Electronic Arts)
12 ROBOCOD (Millennium)
13 JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER (Virgin)
14 ANOTHER WORLD (US Gold)
15 PGA TOUR GOLF PLUS (Electronic Arts)
16 LEISURE SUIT LARRY 5 (Sierra)
17 POPULOUS II (Electronic Arts)
18 PINBALL DREAMS (21st Century)
19 INDY HEAT (Storm)
20 LEMMINGS (Psygnosis)
21 LOTUS 2 (Gremlin)
22 SPACE QUEST 4 (Sierra)
23 OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS (Psygnosis)
24 ALIEN BREED (Team 17)
25 DIZZY COLLECTION (Codemasters)
26 BIRDS OF PREY (Electronic Arts)
27 COVER GIRL POKER (Storm)
28 HEIMDALL (Core Design)
29 THE RAINBOW COLLECTION (Ocean)
30 ROBOCOP 3 (Ocean)
31 PGA TOUR GOLF COURSES (Electronic Arts)
32 LEANDER (Psygnosis)
33 MICROPROSE GOLF (MicroProse)
34 AGONY (Psygnosis)
35 SPACE GUN (Ocean)
36 VIDEO KID (Gremlin)
37 EYE OF THE BEHOLDER (US Gold/SSI)
38 GATEWAY TO CAVACE FRONTIER (US Gold/SSI)
39 WILLY BEAMISH (Sierra)
40 STORM MASTER (Silmarils)

BUDGET TOP 20

1 RAINBOW ISLANDS (The Hit Squad)
2 JAMES POND (GBH)
3 F16 COMPAT PILOT (Action Sixteen)
4 FIRST DIVISION MANAGER (Codemasters)
5 KICK OFF 2 - GIANTS OF EUROPE (Anco)
6 TOYOTA CELICA RALLY (GBH)
7 POPULOUS (Star Performers)
8 PAPERBOY (Encore)
9 ROBOCOP (The Hit Squad)
10 MIDNIGHT RESISTANCE (The Hit Squad)
11 THE JETSONS (Hi-Tec)
12 FANTASY WORLD DIZZY (Codemasters)
13 BATMAN - THE MOVIE (The Hit Squad)
14 Z-OUT (Kixx)
15 ITALIA 90 (Kixx)
16 DALEY THOMPSON'S OLYMPIC CHALLENGE (The Hit Squad)
17 TURBO OUTRUN (Kixx)
18 FULL CONTACT (Team 17)
19 BUBBLE BOBBLE (The Hit Squad)
20 CALIFORNIA GAMES (Kixx)

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